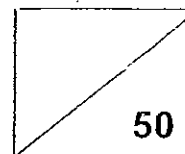


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Section A

Vocabulary (MCQ) (8 marks)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3, or 4) in the brackets.

1. Daisy bought a _____ book which contained information on reptiles yesterday.
(1) guide
(2) recipe
(3) fiction
(4) non-fiction ()
2. Many children were at the bookstore queuing to buy the special edition of "Matilda" as they are autographed by the _____.
(1) artist
(2) author
(3) teacher
(4) publisher ()
3. Ali checked the _____ for the list of topics in the book to decide if he should buy it.
(1) title
(2) index
(3) back cover
(4) sub-heading ()

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4. Bala was so thirsty after the physical exercises that he _____ the water down.
- (1) gulped
 - (2) poured
 - (3) sipped
 - (4) trickled
- ()
5. Mrs Tan was _____ to the fireman who rescued her baby from the blazing fire.
- (1) helpful
 - (2) grateful
 - (3) loving
 - (4) considerate
- ()
6. The _____ of dancers put on a wonderful performance last night.
- (1) band
 - (2) crew
 - (3) team
 - (4) troupe
- ()
7. "Please do not _____ when I am speaking," Miss Tan said to James.
- (1) invade
 - (2) intrude
 - (3) interrupt
 - (4) interfere
- ()
8. Food and drinks are served to all _____ on board the flight to London.
- (1) riders
 - (2) commuters
 - (3) passengers
 - (4) pedestrians
- ()

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Section B**Grammar (MCQ) (6 marks)**

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.

9. The librarian _____ the children as they were talking loudly in the library.
- (1) scold
 - (2) scolds
 - (3) scolded
 - (4) is scolding
- ()
10. The burglar alarm started to _____ as the burglar climbed over the fence.
- (1) ring
 - (2) rang
 - (3) rung
 - (4) rings
- ()
11. Lynn is the _____ of the twins.
- (1) neat
 - (2) neater
 - (3) neatest
 - (4) most neatly
- ()
12. Last night, as I was tossing and turning in bed, I heard a mouse _____ across the floor.
- (1) scurry
 - (2) scurries
 - (3) scurried
 - (4) was scurrying
- ()

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13. We should not use too _____ plastic bags if we want to do our part to save the environment.

- (1) few
- (2) little
- (3) many
- (4) much

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14. Did you _____ any sugar? There is no more left in the jar.

- (1) buy
- (2) buys
- (3) bought
- (4) were buying

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Section C

Vocabulary Cloze (4 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank. USE EACH LETTER ONCE ONLY.

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|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| (A) abandon | (B) bear | (C) give | (D) house |
| (E) promise | (F) provide | (G) receives | (H) welcomes |

Within twelve months last year, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) took in 9,624 unwanted animals. This means that SPCA _____ (Q15) about 26 animals each day. Dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs and hamsters form the majority of the animals in SPCA. However, SPCA can only _____ (Q16) about 150 to 170 animals at one time. It is impossible to _____ (Q17) homes for so many thousands of animals throughout the year. Thus, many of these animals are put to sleep. A pet is a long-term commitment. Please make sure that you, your family or friends do not get an animal on impulse. One must be willing to take care of a pet for life. Never, ever _____ (Q18) your pet. If you really cannot keep it, please find it a new, loving home.

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Vocabulary Cloze (4 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to H) in each blank. USE EACH LETTER ONCE ONLY.

(A) arrived	(B) coop	(C) enclosure	(D) entered
(E) guests	(F) immediately	(G) soon	(H) visitors

On 25th December 2007, a Siberian tiger at San Francisco Zoo, in the USA, escaped from its cage. It attacked three _____ (Q19). One of them was killed and the other two persons were badly hurt. The tiger attacked the three men just outside its _____ (Q20). Two of them managed to run to a nearby café for help. The tiger ran after them and continued to attack them. When the police _____ (Q21), they saw the tiger sitting on the ground next to a dead man. The police _____ (Q22) shot and killed the tiger. It was indeed a memorable Christmas Day for the people who visited the zoo.

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Section D
Grammar Cloze (4 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank. USE EACH LETTER ONCE ONLY.

(A) go	(B) goes	(C) gone	(D) going
(E) are going	(F) is going	(G) went	

Alice loves to read. She _____ (Q23) to the library with her family every Sunday. _____ (Q24) to the library is part of their weekly routine. Regardless of the weather, Alice and her family _____ (Q25) to the library every Sunday. However, last Sunday, her sister had a singing competition so Alice and her family _____ (Q26) to the library on Saturday instead. Alice enjoys her visits to the library. The library has all sorts of books which she can read to her heart's content.

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Grammar Cloze (4 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank. USE EACH LETTER ONCE ONLY.

(A) and	(B) as	(C) but	(D) into
(E) onto	(F) so	(G) while	

A curious frog fell into a pail which was half-filled with fresh milk when he was hopping around in a barn. He tried to get out of the pail _____ (Q27) the sides of the pail were too high and steep. This frog was determined to get out of the pail _____ (Q28) he continued to struggle. He kicked and kicked _____ (Q29) finally, the milk in the pail turned into a big chunk of butter! Now, he could hop _____ (Q30) the butter and get out of the pail! The moral of this story is "Never Give Up!"

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Section E
Comprehension (20 marks)

A. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Many people are afraid of snakes. They have often heard stories of people who die after being bitten by snakes.

Snakes have scales. Their long bodies loop and the scales push against the ground. Snakes can gracefully glide along rocks, logs, mud and sand by twisting and turning. As a snake gets bigger, its skin gets tighter and tighter until the snake wiggles out of it — wearing a new skin that it has grown! A snake sheds its skin a few times a year.

Most snakes will not hurt people as they usually shy away from them. Snakes cannot travel very far in cold weather because their bodies are stiff. In places where the winter is very cold, snakes hide under rocks or under the ground. They sleep for a very long period of time. This is known as hibernation.

Snakes can be as small as a worm or large enough to eat a goat whole! Most snakes live on land but some live in trees or in the water. Small snakes eat grasshoppers, beetles and other insects. Larger snakes eat mice, squirrels and rabbits. The huge ones can eat a small deer or even other snakes.

Some snakes catch their food by biting it while others catch it by wrapping themselves around it and squeezing it. Snakes swallow their food whole instead of chewing it. They have to rest for a few days after that. If snakes are not careful, they can be eaten by eagles, hawks, owls or mongooses.

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Choose the correct answer for each question and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.

31. Scales help snakes to _____

- (1) move
- (2) keep warm
- (3) attack their prey
- (4) wiggle out of their skin

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32. In cold weather, snakes _____

- (1) hurt people
- (2) travel very far
- (3) have stiff bodies
- (4) keep away from people

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33. From the passage, we know that snakes _____

- (1) come in many sizes
- (2) are small like worms
- (3) eat plants and animals
- (4) live in trees all the time

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34. Which of the following statements is true?

- (1) Most snakes live in the water.
- (2) In cold places, the snakes hibernate.
- (3) A snake grows a new skin once a year.
- (4) People are fearful of snakes because all snake bites are fatal.

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35. Snakes are prey to _____.

- (1) goats and owls
- (2) eagles and owls
- (3) hawks and squirrels
- (4) rats and grasshoppers

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B. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

A play, unlike a skit, has a plot, a story line that players act out. Also, the characters are more like real people than characters in a skit. When you act in a play, try to understand the character you represent. Then try to feel, talk, and act like him. Never drop out of a character and be yourself, not even for a moment.

If the audience laughs loudly during the play, pause for a moment but stay as the character. When it is quiet enough for the audience to hear the next line, go on with the play.

Pantomime, that is, acting without words, is a type of play. The expression on your face or the movement of your body will tell the audience how you feel.

Actors in a play must work together as a team. They must act out the story in such a way that the audience can hear the lines, understand the plot, and react to the situation. Each actor must not only know his own lines and be able to say them clearly, he must also know the play as a whole so well that he can react to the lines and actions of other actors and so keep the play moving towards its climax, the exciting point of the plot.

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Write your answers in complete sentences.

36. What is the plot in a play?

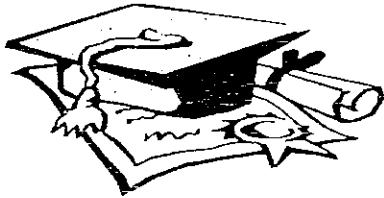
37. What must an actor do in order to make his character appear real?

38. In what way is a pantomime different from a play?

39. Why is the expression on the actor's face especially important to the audience in a pantomime?

40. Why is it important for an actor to know more than just his part in the play?

Please check your work carefully.



ANSWER SHEET

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4	2	2	1	2	4	3	3	3	1	2	1	3	1	G	D	F

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
A	H	C	A	F	B	D	A	G	C	F	A	E	1	3	1	2

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36)A plot in a play is a story line that players act out.

37)A actor must try to feel, talk and act like the character.

38)Pantomime is a play that you must act without words.

39)It is because the expression on the actor's face will tell the audience how you feel.

40)It is because he can react to the lines and actions of other actors and so keep the play moving towards its climax.

71)She wanted to check when the Moscow circus was arriving.

72)She was nervous.

73)The phrase refers to the audience at the circus.

74)They enjoyed wondering around and looking at the many circus animals.

75)Yes, it was. She peered out of the window of her living room and looked at the town centre.